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## Driving is a privilege

The Secretary of State's office recognizes that the loss of driving privileges can cause great hardship. Under Illinois law, drivers may apply for reinstatement or a restricted driving permit.

The Department of Administrative Hearings of the Secretary of State's office handles all applications for the reinstatement of driving privileges and restricted driving permits.

This brochure offers an explanation of how to contact the department, as well as definitions of some of the terms used and procedures to follow. On the back is a listing of locations where hearings are held for reinstatement of driving privileges and restricted driving permits.

The Secretary of State's office is responsible for ensuring that only responsible, qualified drivers have their driving privileges reinstated.

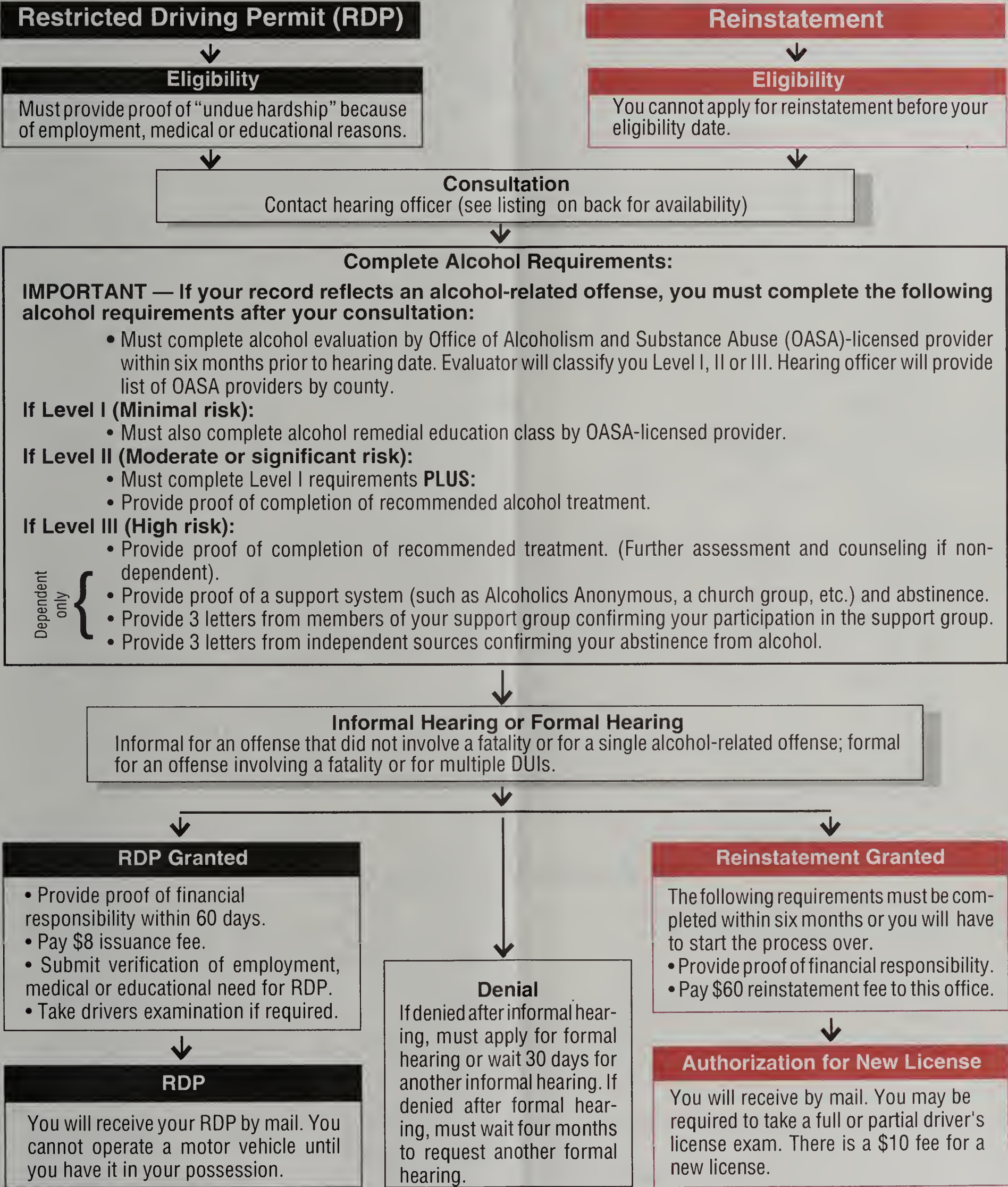
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# HOW TO OBTAIN A RESTRICTED DRIVING PERMIT OR REINSTATEMENT

(Please refer to the definitions of terms on the next two panels of this brochure for more details)



# Terms and Definitions

**Alcohol-related offense** - for driving under the influence, implied consent or statutory summary suspension; or reckless homicide or other fatality accident if alcohol was shown to be a factor.

**Consultation** - the first step in applying for reinstatement of driving privileges or a restricted driving permit (RDP) after suspension or revocation. Consultation takes place with a hearing officer, who reviews the applicant's driving record and explains the documents required to apply for reinstatement of driving privileges or an RDP.

**Denial** - the refusal of any request for reinstatement or an RDP.

**Eligibility date** - a driver cannot be considered for reinstatement until the eligibility date, which is a predetermined period of time from the effective date of revocation or extension order and is indicated as: proj. elig.

**Formal hearing** - for a driver whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked for an offense(s) involving a fatality or multiple DUIs. Must be requested in writing.

**Informal hearing** - for a driver whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked for an offense(s) not involving a fatality or for a single alcohol-related offense. Usually held on a walk-in basis.

**Proof of financial responsibility** - a requirement before reinstatement or issuance of a restricted driving permit. Methods include: certified policy of insurance, cash deposit or surety bond. Financial Responsibility Insurance must be filed with this office and maintained for a period of three years. Standard automobile insur-

ance is not acceptable. Coverage must be at least \$20,000 for one person killed or injured; \$40,000 for two or more persons killed or injured; and \$15,000 for property damage. Your insurance must be submitted on a SR-22 certificate. Any casualty insurance agent can explain this type of insurance to you.

**Restricted driving permit (RDP)** — partial restoration – allows a driver to operate a motor vehicle in certain areas, hours and days for employment, medical or educational purposes. The driver must prove a hardship exists and submit proof of employment or need for medical care, or an educational verification form and class schedule from school. Drivers convicted for DUI under age 21 are not eligible to apply for an RDP until one year from the effective date of revocation.

**Revocation** - the loss of driving privileges for an indefinite period. A driver may apply for a restricted driving permit, but cannot apply for reinstatement until eligible. To regain driving privileges, a driver must meet certain legal and administrative requirements.

**Reinstatement** - full restoration of all driving privileges. Allows driving any time and anywhere providing the driver has obtained a valid driver's license and is not suspended/revoked in another state.

**Suspension** - the loss of driving privileges for a period of time, generally not more than a 12-month period. A driver may apply for an RDP to operate a motor vehicle during a suspension. Certain suspensions may not allow consideration for an RDP.

## INFORMAL HEARING OFFICER LOCATIONS

Please call the driver services facility of your choice to confirm the availability of the hearing officer.

### Primary Hearing Officer Locations (3 or more days per week)

|                 |   |                |
|-----------------|---|----------------|
| Belleville      | 1444 Boul Ave., Swansea                         | (618) 234-2315 |
| Bloomington     | 1510 W. Market St.                              | (309) 827-3531 |
| Champaign       | 2401 W. Bradley Ave.                            | (217) 244-7419 |
| East St. Louis  | 8750 Church Ln.                                 | (618) 397-9488 |
| Elgin           | 595 S. State                                    | (708) 697-2105 |
| Joliet          | 605 Maple Road                                  | (815) 740-7166 |
| LaSalle         | 536 Third St.                                   | (815) 223-4861 |
| Libertyville    | 342 Peterson Rd.                                | (708) 362-8498 |
| Lombard         | 837 S. Westmore                                 | (708) 629-1069 |
| Mattoon         | 2020 Charleston Ave.                            | (217) 234-4040 |
| Midlothian      | 14434 S. Pulaski                                | (708) 388-9647 |
| Moline          | 2040 First St. A, Cityline Plaza                | (309) 797-9507 |
| Naperville      | 931 W. 75th St., Suite 161                      | (708) 369-9010 |
| Peoria          | 2010 N. Knoxville                               | (309) 686-8779 |
| Rockford        | 3720 E. State                                   | (815) 987-7383 |
| Springfield     | Howlett Building, Second & Edwards Sts., Rm 207 | (217) 782-7065 |
| Waukegan        | 617 S. Green Bay Rd.                            | (708) 662-8514 |
| Chicago Heights | 570 W. 209th St.                                | (708) 481-0986 |
| Chicago North   | 5401 N. Elston Ave.                             | (312) 794-5821 |
| Chicago South   | 9901 S. Martin L. King Dr.                      | (312) 995-2615 |
| Chicago West    | 5301 W. Lexington Ave.                          | (312) 854-4808 |
| Schaumburg      | 1227 E. Golf Rd., Woodfield Commons             | (708) 619-1452 |

### Part-time Hearing Officer Locations (1-2 days per week)

|               |   |                |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| Bradley       | 1111 Blatt  | (815) 933-1713 |
| Carbondale    | 2516 Murphysboro Rd.  | (618) 457-0488 |
| Centralia     | 418 S. Poplar   | (618) 532-1551 |
| Danville      | 405 Sheridan  | (217) 442-1564 |
| Decatur       | 3149 N. Woodford St.  | (217) 875-1650 |
| DeKalb        | 1360 Oakwood  | (815) 756-7781 |
| East Alton    | 20 Terminal Dr., Suite 103,<br>Civic Memorial Airport, East Alton | (618) 258-0600 |
| Edwardsville  | 1502A Troy Road   | (618) 656-8956 |
| Effingham     | 444 S. Willow   | (217) 347-7728 |
| Freeport      | 1793 S. West Ave.   | (815) 235-4164 |
| Galesburg     | 1066 E. Losey   | (309) 342-1154 |
| Lawrenceville | 406 N. 15th St.   | (618) 943-7515 |
| Marion        | 1905 Rendelman St.  | (618) 993-2587 |
| Mt. Vernon    | 320 E. Main St.   | (618) 244-1183 |
| Princeton     | R.R. 2, Backbone Rd. East   | (815) 875-2617 |
| Quincy        | 2512 Katherine Rd.  | (217) 222-4550 |
| Sparta        | 202 W. Jackson  | (618) 443-3834 |
| Sterling      | 1224 W. Fourth  | (815) 626-2825 |
| Woodstock     | 428 S. Eastwood   | (815) 338-3109 |

## FORMAL HEARING LOCATIONS

Department of Administrative Hearings  
17 N. State St., Suite 1200  
Chicago, IL 60602  
(312) 793-3722

Department of Administrative Hearings  
Howlett Building, Room 207  
Springfield, IL 62756  
(217) 782-7065

Department of Administrative Hearings  
218 S. 12th St.  
Mount Vernon, IL 62864  
(618) 242-8986

Department of Administrative Hearings  
605 Maple Road  
Joliet, IL 60432  
(815) 740-7176